Mr. Umamahesvaran, Tutor, Arts College.

235. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether Mr. Umamahesvaran who was appointed as Tutor in the Arts College took only a third class in the B. A. (Hons.) degree examination in English;

(*b*) whether Mr. Umamahesvaran was recommended for the post by the Principal and the Director, and, if not, why his claims did not meet with favour at the hands of the recommending authorities;

(*c*) whether one Mr. K. Sundaram Aiyar, M. A., L. T., a teacher in the Model School, was the candidate chosen by the Director out of the 12 applicants for the post as being the most competent;

(*d*) whether the Secretaries to Government nominated one Mr. K. N. Chacko to the place in supersession of the Director's recommendation:

(*e*) whether Mr. K. N. Chacko was one among the 12 applicants;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that Mr. K. N. Chacko's application was rejected, because the grammatical mistakes alone in his application were so considerable as to disqualify him for any post in the teaching branch of the department;

(*g*) whether Mr. K. N. Chacko's application with the Principal's remarks thereon will be laid on the table;

(*h*) the comparative qualifications of Messrs. Umamahesvaran, K. N. Chacko and K. Sundaram Aiyar;

(*i*) who is the recommending authority in matters relating to appointments in the Arts College; and

(*j*) the special consideration that weighed with the Government in selecting Mr. Umamahesvaran to the post?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The answer is in the negative. His qualifications were not considered to be so good as those of the persons recommended.

(*c*) Yes. The number of applicants was 11 and not 12 as stated by the member.

(*d*) The notes by Secretaries to Government are confidential and the Government are not prepared to disclose the contents of office notes. The member is however informed that Secretaries to Government do not nominate candidates for appointments.

(*e*) Yes. Mr. Chacko was one of the 11 applicants.

(*f*) No.

(*g*) The answer is in the negative.

(*h*) 1. Mr. Umamaheswaran, M. A. (Hons.) – III Class.

2. Mr. K. Sundaram Aiyar, M. A.,—III Class and L. T.,—II Class.

3. Mr. K. N. Chacko B. A. (Hons.) III Class and L. T.

(*i*) The Principal of the College in the first instance.

(*j*) Besides being an Honours Graduate duly qualified for the post, he belongs to the Goldsmith caste which has very little representation in the State Service.

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MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): With reference to part (*g*) of the answer, may I know whether the application with the Principal's remarks is a confidential record?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The answer is there.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): The answer given there is in the negative. My question is whether the application, with the remarks of the Principal, will be laid on the table. Am I to understand that it is a confidential record?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): It is said that it will not be laid on the table.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Therefore am I to understand that the House is not entitled to know it?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Yes.

T. M. Abraham, Printer, Stamp Manufactory.

236. **MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI** (*Chirayinkil*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the date of appointment of T. M. Abraham as acting 3rd grade printer in the Stamp Manufactory;

(*b*) his subsequent promotions with dates and pay;

(*c*) the names of his seniors who were already in the Stamp Manufactory when Abraham was first appointed there; and

(*d*) whether their claims were overlooked by the Superintendent, Stamp Manufactory?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) 4th Chingam 1100. He was an applicant for a counter's place. But as there was no vacancy at the time, he was appointed as an acting printer, and when the next vacancy arose in the counter's *cadre*, he was appointed to act therein on the 9th Karkatakam 1100, as he was a qualified hand having passed the Vernacular Higher Examination.

(*b*) No subsequent promotions were given to him.

(*c*) When Abraham was first appointed in the Stamp Manufactory he had no seniors in that institution among acting printers.

(*d*) The question does not arise in view of the answer to part (*c*).

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Is any qualification prescribed for the post of a counter in the Stamp Manufactory by the Government?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): No.

MR. K. P. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Chirayinkil*): Therefore, am I to understand that he was appointed to the post of a counter because there was no post of printer?

MR. R. NILAKANTA PILLAI (*Ag. Financial Secretary to Government*): The question has already been answered.

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